

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education renew Antioch University New England's ("ANE") Certificate of Approval under the requirements of Title 16, V.S.A., Section 176a to offer in Vermont credit-bearing courses in the Master of Education ("M.Ed.") in Foundations of Education (also referred to as the "Experienced Educators Master's Program") and to offer, via contracts with school systems, professional training for teachers and administrators through ANE's Antioch Center for School Renewal, including Critical Skills Institutes, for a period of five (5) years ending June 30, 2014 subject to the conditions, terms and limitations listed in the Vermont Department of Education report, attached hereto?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the State Board of Education renew Antioch University New England's ("ANE") Certificate of Approval under the requirements of Title 16, V.S.A., Section 176a to offer in Vermont credit-bearing courses in the Master of Education ("M.Ed.") in Foundations of Education (also referred to as the "Experienced Educators Master's Program") and to offer, via contracts with school systems, professional training for teachers and administrators through ANE's Antioch Center for School Renewal, including Critical Skills Institutes, for a period of five (5) years ending June 30, 2014 subject to the conditions, terms and limitations listed in the Vermont Department of Education report, attached hereto.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 16 VSA § 176a

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State Board of Education is responsible for issuing Certificates of Approval and Certificates of Degree-Granting Authority, or both, to an applicant whose goals, objectives, programs and resources, including personnel, curriculum, finances and facilities, are found to be adequate and appropriate for the stated purpose and for the protection of students and the public interest.

Antioch University New England has applied for renewal of a Certificate of Approval to offer in Vermont credit-bearing courses in the Master of Education ("M.Ed.") in Foundations of Education (also referred to as the "Experienced Educators Master's Program") and to offer, via contracts with school systems, professional training for teachers and administrators through ANE's Antioch Center for School Renewal, including Critical Skills Institutes. ANE has demonstrated that its goals, objectives, programs and resources are adequate and appropriate for the stated purpose of the program and for the protection of the students and the public interest.

Based on the findings noted in the Vermont Department of Education report, the Vermont Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education renew ANE's Certificate of Approval as specified herein.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:** None

**STAFF AVAILABLE:**

Kerry Garber, Director  
Independent & Federal Programs  
828-3150

**Conditions, Terms and Limitations of Approval  
Antioch University New England  
June 22, 2009**

The Vermont Department of Education has recommended renewal of Antioch University (“ANE”) Certificate of Approval under the requirements of Title 16, V.S.A., Section 176a Vermont credit-bearing courses in the Master of Education (“M.Ed.”) in Foundations of referred to as the “Experienced Educators Master’s Program”) and to offer, via contracts systems, professional training for teachers and administrators through ANE’s Antioch Center Renewal, including Critical Skills Institutes, for a period of five (5) years ending June 30, the conditions, terms and limitations listed in the Vermont Department of Education report, hereto.

The following statutory and regulatory conditions, terms and limitations are included in the approval issued by the Director of Independent and Federal Programs as part of the Certificate Approval granted by the State Board of Education.

**Conditions, Terms and Limitations of Approval:**

1. ANE shall notify each applicant for enrollment, in writing, on an application, enrollment registration form to be signed by the applicant, that credits earned through the respective transferable only at the discretion of the receiving school.
2. ANE shall notify the State Board prior to making any substantive changes in or additions educational programs described in your current certification application including engaging contractual arrangements with external organizations to teach credit-bearing courses.
3. ANE shall implement a closing policy in compliance with 16 VSA § 175 and notify ANE’s program closing policy in writing. At such time that ANE proposes to discontinue programs of instruction in Vermont, the school shall promptly notify the State Board regarding disposition of student academic records.
4. ANE shall notify students that approval of postsecondary programs under 16 VSA equivalent to licensure. Application for Vermont licensure may be made if ANE verifies Experienced Educators Program is an approved program and recommends NH licensure graduates may apply to Vermont through existing interstate reciprocity agreements.
5. Should ANE decide to offer new degree or certificate programs during this approval new Certificate of Approval or Degree-Granting Authority application will be necessary advertising the program or admitting students into the program.
6. During the life of this approval, ANE shall notify the Vermont Department of Education new cluster sites in Vermont where ANE offers programs and provide certificates of occupancy starting classes.
7. Failure of ANE to meet any of the terms or conditions of approval may result in regulatory suspension procedures associated with the Certificate of Approval.